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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. GROWING ISRAELI PESSIMISM OVER DISENGAGEMENT: RECENT STATEMENTS BY DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN AND CONTINUED HOSTILITIES ON THE SYRIAN FRONT HAVE INCREASED ISRAELI PESSIMISM ON THE CHANCES OF ARRIVING AT AN AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA. DAYAN HAS SAID THE SYRIAN TERMS ARE "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE," AND PARTLY BLAMES THE USSR FOR NOT USING THEIR INFLUENCE TO PRESSURE THE SYRIANS. THE ISRAELI POSITION ON DISENGAGEMENT NOW REPORTEDLY CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

--ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 CEASEFIRE LINES;

--THINNING OUT OF FORCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CEASEFIRE LINE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BUFFER ZONES MANNED BY UNEF;

--RETURN OF ALL POW'S FROM SYRIA BEFORE WITHDRAWAL;

--AND A PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM A PORTION OF THE
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GOLAN HEIGHTS WHICH WAS REJECTED ON THE GROUNDS

THAT ITS ACCEPTANCE WOULD LEAVE ISRAEL WITH NO
FUTURE BARGAINING ROOM.

DAYAN IS ALSO EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS WASH-
INGTON TRIP BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT GULF BETWEEN THE
NEGOTIATING POSITIONS AND HIS BELIEF THAT NO SYRIAN
REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECI-
SIONS. (STATE)

2. TITO'S HEALTH RETURNS: THE PRESIDENT HAS RETURNED TO
BELGRADE AND HIS ACTIVITIES INDICATE HE HAS RESUMED A
NORMAL SCHEDULE. (STATE) KISSINGER

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